

Washington, DC - In response to President Obama's State of the Union address, Congressman Harry Teague issued the following statement:

"Since coming to Congress, I've traveled every corner of my district and I've visited with thousands of constituents. And what I've found is that we share many of the same concerns, chief among them are the health of our economy, our energy future, and our nation's debt. Tonight, we heard the President discuss many of these concerns, and I was encouraged to see a focus on the middle class, small businesses, and it's about time we stop giving tax cuts to companies that send job overseas and start rewarding those that are creating jobs here and that are rebuilding our economy.

I commend the President for offering the unprecedented proposal to freeze government spending without punishing our troops or our veterans. The debt is not a Republican or Democrat problem, it is our nation's problem and it is about time Washington heard the calls to get the debt under control. That's also why I welcome the creation of a bipartisan task force to find a long term solution for our nation's debt – we have waited too long to get this done.

The President's focus on the new energy economy will be a key piece of putting America back

to work, and I was especially pleased to hear him mention the need for expanded domestic production of oil and gas, and a commitment to clean nuclear power plants.

Over the past year we have taken important steps to bring our economy back from the brink of collapse, but we have a long way to go. Moving forward, I am committed to fighting for the people of my district as I always have.”

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